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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56

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Madam/Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to the Applicants in order to comply with the Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), before the mailing date of any of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

All of the documents are in English, and were cited in the Supplementary European Search Report submitted as Document C6, mailed on November 5, 2009, in corresponding EP 04808117.

The Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

STATEMENT

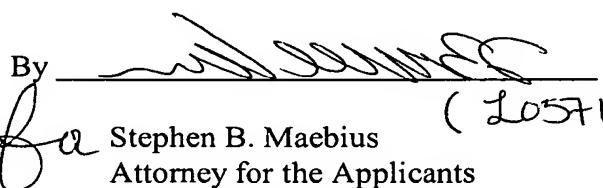
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Respectfully submitted,

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